Chapter 10: Capitalization

8th Grade English

10.1 People and Cultures

**Names and Initials**

* + Capitalize people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Cleopatra
    - Maria Theresa
    - J.R.R. Tolkien
    - Yasunari Kawabata

**Personal Titles and Abbreviations**

* + Capitalize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of titles that are used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ names and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ address.
    - Professor Anita Jones
    - Dr. Celia Brammer
  + Capitalize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of some titles when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ names.
    - Ted Stein, Jr.
    - Mary Witt, Ph. D.

**Capitalize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of state,** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, or nobility only when they are used** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **the persons’ names or in** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of the persons’ names.**

* + - Queen Marie Antoinette
    - Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist
  + Do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capitalize titles when they are used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - The king will be remembered for his contributions to great architecture.

**Family Relationships**

* + Capitalize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ indicating family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only when they are used as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ names.
    - Aunt Paula
    - Grandpa Smith
  + In general, do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capitalize a word indicating a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship when it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the person’s name or is used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ name.
    - Maria Tellez, my cousin, saw the Great Pyramid.

**The Pronoun *I***

* + Always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *I*.
    - Grandpa and I read all about Stonehenge.

**Religious Terms**

* + Capitalize the names of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sacred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sacred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Religions: Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism
    - Sacred Days: Ramadan, Good Friday, Purim
    - Sacred Writings: Bible, Koran, Torah
    - Deities: God, Yahweh, Allah
  + Do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capitalize the words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they refer to the gods of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mythology.
    - The statue of Zeus at Olympia honored the Greek god Zeus.

**Nationalities, Languages, and Races**

* **Capitalize the names of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, languages, races, and most** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **groups, as well as the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **formed from these** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - Romans
    - Greek
    - African-American

10.2 First Words and Titles

**Sentences and Poetry**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **word of every** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + - The “seven wonders of the medieval world” date back to the Middle Ages.
  + In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poetry, capitalize the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ word of every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The willow is like an etching,

Fine-lined against the sky.

The ginkgo is like a crude sketch,

Hardly worthy to be signed. Eve Merriman

**Quotations**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **word of a direct** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **if it begins a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **sentence.**
  + - My teacher asked, “Has anyone read about the Colosseum?”
  + In a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quotation, do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capitalize the first word in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ part of the quote unless it starts a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sentence.
    - “I hear you’re going to Italy,” Theresa said. “Make sure you see the Leaning Tower of Pisa.”
    - “Did you know,” asked Theresa, “that the Leaning Tower of Pisa has been tilting for 800 years?”

**Outlines**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **word of each** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **in an** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **that introduce major** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

1. **Famous buildings of the Middle Ages**

**A. The Leaning Tower of Pisa**

**1. Construction of the Bell Tower**

**2. Repairs to the tower foundation**

**Parts of a Letter**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **word in the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and in the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of a letter.**
  + - Dear Mrs. Song:
    - Yours truly,

**Titles**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **word, the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **word, and all other** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **words in a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
* **Don’t capitalize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, coordinating** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, or** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of fewer than** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **letters.**
  + - *The House of Dies Drear*
    - *The Wizard of Oz*
    - *Venus de Mio*

10.3 Places and Transportation

**Geographical Names**

* **In** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **names, capitalize each word except** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + - Tropic of Cancer
    - Mediterranean Sea
    - North Street
    - Prairie Road

**Bodies of the Universe**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and other** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **objects in the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - Big Dipper
    - Pluto
    - North Star
  + Do not capitalize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Do not capitalize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it is preceded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and when it does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refer to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Earth.
    - Ants and earwigs tunneled through the earth under the porch.

**Regions and Sections**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, north, south, east, and west when they name particular** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of the United States or the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **or when they are** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **names.**
  + - The Grand Canyon is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the West.
  + Do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ capitalize these words when they indicate general \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - The Statue of Liberty is south of the Empire State Building in New York City.

**Buildings, Bridges, and Other Landmarks**

* **Capitalize the names of specific** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, bridges,** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and other** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - Sears Tower
    - Great Wall of China

**Planes, Trains, and Other Vehicles**

* **Capitalize the names of specific** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, trains, ships,** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - *Air Force One*
    - *Orient Express*
    - *Mustang*
    - *Sputnik*

10.4 Organizations and Other Subjects

**Organizations and Institutions**

* **Capitalize all** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**words in the names of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, institutions,** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and companies.**
  + - Muir Middle School
    - Dave’s Hardware
  + Do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_capitalize words such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, school, company, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and college when they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_used as parts of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - The renovations in our church are now complete.

**Organizations and Business Abbreviations**

* **Capitalize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**of names of organizations,** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and institutions.**
* **Notice that these abbreviations are formed from the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**letters of the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**names and that the letters are usually** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**followed by** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - NFL (National Football League)
    - MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

**Historical Events, Periods, and Documents**

* **Capitalize the names of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**events, periods, and** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - Events: Revolutionary War
    - Periods: Great Awakening, Roaring Twenties
    - Documents: Treaty of Versailles, Declaration of Independence

**Time Abbreviations and Calendar Items**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**B.C., A.D., A.M., and P.M.**
* **Capitalize the names of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, days, and holidays but** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**the names of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - April
    - Saturday
    - spring
* **When a season is used in the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**of a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**or celebration, (Grove Fall Festival), capitalize all** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**words, including the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

**School Subjects**

* **Capitalize the names of school** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**only when they are names of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, when they are followed by course** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, or when they contain** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**adjectives.**
  + - algebra
    - Spanish
    - Biology II

**Class Names**

* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***freshman, sophomore, junior*, and *senior*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**when they are used as parts of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - The freshmen will attend Freshman Orientation Week during the last week in August.

**Special Events, Awards, and Brand Names**

* **Capitalize the names of special** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
  + - Academy Awards
    - World Cup
* **Capitalize the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**names of products but** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**nouns that** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**brand names.**
  + - Fiji compasses
    - Staton tents